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Students sound off on the controversial student-led project that mimicked life in poverty

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## WORLD REPORT



### World's largest passenger plane makes initial flight

In a triumph for European airplane manufacturer Airbus, the A380 "Superjumbo" passenger jet made its maiden flight on April 27. The plane successfully took off and landed near Toulouse, France, according to CNN.com.

Capable of carrying 555 passengers, the Airbus A380 has two decks and may be fitted with cocktail bars, double beds, jacuzzis and even mini-casinos. The project, a joint effort of France, Britain, Germany and Spain, cost \$13 billion and took more than 10 years to design.

Though no passengers were on the flight, the six crew members said that flying the plane was like "riding a bicycle."

### Texas school district approves Bible class

A Texas school district approved a high school Bible class for the fall of 2006, according to Fox News. Officials in Odessa endorsed the plan in front of hundreds of residents, most of whom supported the class.

The vote has generated much debate nationally, pitting organizations like the National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools against People for the American Way and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Curriculum for the class hasn't been written yet.

## New class councils elected



Thomas Smith / Staff

Incoming sophomore class president Tim Taylor, junior class president Christina Lopez, and senior class president Johnny Wakefield get together outside the office they will share with the freshman class president elected next fall. Taylor, Lopez, and Wakefield have all served on their respective class councils in the past.

By Jason Johnson

News writer

Familiar names were listed as winners when the results of the 2005 class council elections were posted on Blackboard on April 5.

New senior class president Johnny Wakefield will take a step up from his junior class secretary position, juggling the more demanding responsibilities as president.

"I ran for president because I wanted to be involved with planning the class of 2006's senior year, and I knew that I could do a good job leading the council that will do just that," Wakefield said, adding sarcastically, "I also wanted the fame and fortune that comes with such a cushy position."

Wakefield is a double major in Political Science and History with a minor in Spanish. Although not sure of what he wants to do after college Wakefield has many goals he would like to accomplish, including working with the Nazarenes in Volunteer Service.

To join Wakefield in the senior council will be vice-president Audrey Richardson, secretary Casey Lacher, chaplain Simone Mulieri, representatives Megan Bowne, Nathan Pyle, Rob Starkey, and Cara Gilbert, and social committee representatives Sara Batkeiwicz, Stacy Beery, Emily Franks, Emily Rosner, and Renee Evilsizor.

Christina Lopez was nominated as junior class president, and has formerly

served on the council the past two years as an ASC representative.

"This year God has been showing me what it means to be a true leader, and that one of the greatest ways I can serve is to lead," Lopez said. "While many would look at the position of presidency and say that it is a 'high position' I look at it as the most humbling."

Lopez is an Elementary Education major with many plans mapped out after college including a year in the Peace Corps, teaching at an inner city junior high school, and work towards her Master's degree in Education.

Joining Lopez on the junior class council will be vice-president Aaron Payne, secretary Amber Edwards, treasurer Michelle

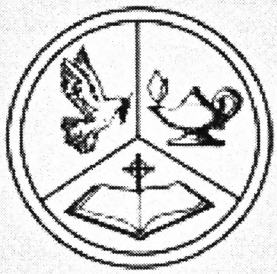
Bateman, chaplain Eric Paul, representatives Chelsea McKay, Gary Bishir, and Erin Hall, and social committee representatives Chris Sanders, Anna Fink, Brad Krohe, Jenny Graves and Jillian Totten.

Freshman class president Tim Taylor will return to his seat as the sophomore class president. However, he will work with a committee of new faces.

Council members include vice-president Rachel Green, secretary Lindsey Kline, treasurer Carolyn Stipp, chaplain Scott McConnell, and ASC representatives Ashley Downs, David Wilson, Barbara Hart, and Melissa Hurd.

Freshman council elections will be held and announced early next fall.





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# CD thefts rampant after break

By **Jimmy Street**

News writer

On Monday, March 28, students returned from spring break, and in the next week and a half, five thefts from vehicles were reported, according to Public Safety Director, Craig Bishop.

According to the Illinois State Police webpage, since 1999, when robbery statistics were around 220,000 reported incidents, robbery, as well as other crime has been on a steady decline. In the latest report in 2003, robbery incidents had fallen to approximately 185,000 cases.

In particular, one incident was encountered on April 1, when Justin Disandro came out to his truck in the McHie parking lot.

Olivet Public Safety was dispatched around 11 a.m. to the McHie parking lot in response to a complaint involving theft from a student's vehicle. Disandro, a 20-year-old resident of Schaumburg, Ill., informed the responding officer that his 1995 Chevrolet S-10 had been entered and that his CD player was missing.

Upon receiving the call, ONU Public Safety relayed the information to

Bourbonnais Police. Officer Brian Milone arrived at the scene around 11:15 a.m.

Disandro told Milone that he had come out to his vehicle at 10 a.m. only to find that it had been broken into at some point since the last time he had seen the vehicle on March 26.

During the time separating Disandro's discovery and his call to the authorities, he moved some of the damaged parts and made a trip to McDonald's for a morning meal.

When he came out to his vehicle that morning he found that his Sony in-dash CD player, valued at approximately \$150, had been stolen and that there was damage to the dashboard, but the cables to the CD player had been disconnected rather than cut.

Disandro told the officer that his vehicle was possibly unlocked at the time of the theft. The incident was not a burglary but was classified as a "theft from the vehicle rather than burglary in that the vehicle was unlocked," according to Bishop.

"Had the vehicle been forcibly entered, it would be classified as burglary. However, by leaving the

vehicle unlocked, the victim provided the offenders with no deterrent of entry," he said.

At 1:30 a.m. on Wednesday April 6, Public Safety officers stopped three suspicious Bradley/Bourbonnais residents and questioned them.

"After the subjects were stopped by Public Safety, no additional thefts have been reported," said Bishop.

The Bourbonnais Police are investigating and working to recover the stolen property.

### UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Scott Sargent/Staff

A lone student reads on second floor of Burke Administration, currently being remodeled. Where the Martin Board Room and transfer admissions were will become religion department offices.

# ONU work study funds depleted

By **Kevin Sandell**

News writer

A federal program that pays hundreds of Olivet student employees' wages each year fell short a couple weeks before semester's end this spring, and some students lost their jobs because there were no funds to pay their salaries.

The Federal Work Study (FWS) program, which is managed by the U.S. Department of Education, is a small, yet significant source of income for students who qualify because of financial need. Under the program, students receive 75 percent of their pay from the federal government, with the other 25 percent coming from the

university itself. The program compensates students who work as teaching assistants, secretaries, custodians, grounds crew, and fill other roles on campus.

The U.S. Department of Education gives over 780,000 students at more than 3,000 colleges nationwide work-study funds. Each year, FWS allots a certain amount of money to every eligible school to pay student wages.

However, the controversy began after Olivet's allotted money, nearly \$270,000, according to Greg Bruner, Director of Financial Aid, was exhausted sooner than expected. The shortfall forced some student workers to be laid off by their

individual departments. The university currently has 318 student employees under the FWS program, Bruner said, but he did not know the exact number of displaced workers.

Students with the most financial need receive offers of federal financial aid, which can include a set FWS award. Most awards range from \$500-1,000, but they may reach \$2,000. Once a student reaches that amount, he/she cannot receive more money, unless the department hires the student itself.

"I want every kid to work as much as they can," said Bruner. However, he noted that in the past 10 years, the FWS money has

been "fairly consistent with running out near the end of the year."

Sophomore Brad Krohe, an FWS recipient who worked as a drawing model for art classes and was later laid off, prefers work-study to other forms of financial aid.

"It's a good incentive to work and use the money as you see fit," he said.

Sophomore Jorden Cupp, a math teaching assistant, says work-study helps both students and professors.

"You appreciate your education more [as a teaching assistant]," Cupp said, "but without us as TAs, it really would be hard for Reed Hall to function."



# English majors, professor honored

*Top ENGL 102, 103 essays recognized; Belcher named Fulbright Scholar, bound for West Africa*

By **Hannah Witt**

News writer

Thirty-four students were picked this past fall as the top writers for the third annual English 102 and 103 Essay Competition.

Every student in these classes was required to participate, and the top 40 essays were chosen within the specific classes where they were then given to a panel of judges made up of the English department teaching assistants.

All the essays were judged based upon the English department's 7-point grading rubric which consists of grading the paper according to its ability to present critical thought, a thesis statement, support, organization, good sentence structure, strong diction, and a good use of grammar.

Freshman Kyle McDonald won first place with a paper about Major League Baseball teams and how something needs to be created to cut down the inequality so the game of baseball can improve.

Students wrote on any topic they desired and therefore the topics ranged from baseball to pornography and all the way to the hemp plant.

Although the competition has been the same for the past three years, this year there was a bittersweet occurrence as Nicole Sunberg, who was killed in a car accident this

past winter, won third place. Her award was therefore given posthumously and sent to her parents.

The other top ten winners include Rachel Buller, Allie Neil, Amber Moore, Chase Means, Jacob Swift, Jessica Moulding, Kristina Jasonowicz and Amanda Essex.

"I would definitely recommend individuals to participate in an event like this. Writing is a wonderful gift and the possibilities you are able to accomplish are endless," said Swift.

Second place winner Moore also agrees that the essay competition is a great time for any individual.

"Even if they don't place in the top ten, or even in the top 34, the joy comes from knowing that they put themselves and their words out there- that's the true feeling of a winner," she said. "I am truthfully honored to have placed in the top ten, and even more blessed to have taken second place. It is really encouraging to know that my peers, my fellow college students, enjoyed my essay. To me, that's really what writing is about: making a difference in readers' lives."

The top ten winners and the 24 runners-up received prizes from T.G.I. Friday's, Chicago Dough Pizza Company, McDonald's, Baker's Square, Cracker Barrel, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and Steak 'n' Shake.

By **Katie Nichols**

News writer

Instead of daily climbing Burke's four flights of steps, attempting to control unruly Olivet students and attending chapel, next fall English professor Dr. Rebecca Belcher will be battling the Sub-Saharan heat while teaching in Burkina Faso as a Fulbright Scholar.

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program sends approximately 1,000 American faculty and professionals overseas every year to lecture and research in a variety of areas of study. Belcher will travel to Africa to be an English professor at the University of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso's capital city.

"I know very little right now," Belcher said. "I know what I'm teaching and where I'm going, but I don't know class sizes, when exactly I'll be there or where I'll live."

Belcher will fly to Burkina Faso next September and arrive back in the U.S. the following June. She will be teaching Survey of American Literature, Prominent American Authors, Literary Critics and American Poetry in the French-speaking country. Although Belcher will teach her classes in English, everyone around her will

be speaking a different language.

"The most difficult part will be learning French," Belcher said. "I'm using videos, audio tapes, textbooks to learn now. I also have a lot of questions about culturally how a woman should act because 50 percent of the country is Muslim."

In addition to a different culture and language, Belcher will also have to learn to live without reliable electricity and learn new ways of teaching, all on

are big changes ahead, Belcher's colleagues have confidence that she will succeed.

"She is an excellent scholar and teacher, particularly in the area of American literature," English professor Dr. Judy Whitis said. "She is uniquely qualified to do this. She brings a lot of knowledge, compassion and understanding to all students and is particularly sensitive to diversity and all cultures."

Fellow English professor, Dr. Kashama Mulamba, was also a Fulbright Scholar, but had a very different experience. Coming from Congo, Mulamba participated in an exchange scholar program where they brought him to the United States to study at American universities.

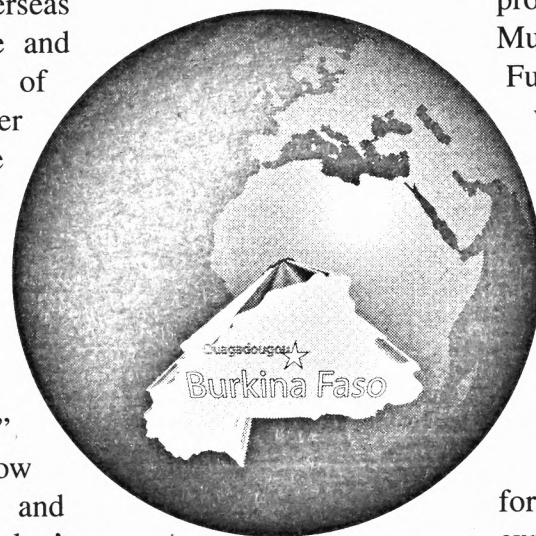
Belcher is hoping for a similar positive experience.

"As a scholar you're expected to come back as a goodwill ambassador for Fulbright," Belcher said. "And we also want to create goodwill between America and other countries and this is a good way to do it one person at a time. It's like being on a long mission trip. I go as a Christian, and Fulbright sends me as a scholar. My hope is that they will be able to tell that I'm a Christian too."

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her own. Not married and with grown sons, she will travel across the Atlantic and adjust to this new environment by herself.

Even though there



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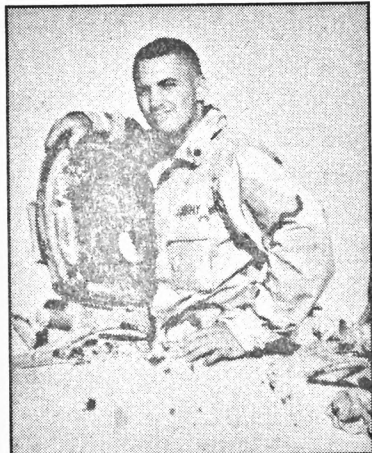
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## Trials in Iraq build soldier's faith in God

By Dan Aumiller

Variety writer



Sophomore Colby Bowser was stationed in Iraq before joining ROTC at ONU.

The soldiers were packed into the barracks like sardines, yet Specialist Colby Bowser felt alone in Iraq. Despite the fact that he was surrounded by others who were trained to look and act just like him, a spiritual microscope could detect one very important difference that separated Bowser from the cookie cutter soldiers around him. Bowser was unabashedly a Christian.

"There were a lot of Christians," Bowser explained, "but not practicing Christians."

While Bowser never intentionally put himself on a spiritual pedestal, his fellow soldiers quickly noticed Bowser's abstinence from drinking, swearing and pornography.

Reactions such as one soldier's, "Are you a [expletive] Mormon?" were not uncommon.

Iraq became a spiritual endurance test for Bowser as he had to maintain his relationship with Christ for most of his tour without the aid of fellow believers.

"Spiritually, I felt very drained," Bowser confessed. Bowser found it difficult to discuss faith issues with his fellow soldiers despite the fact that he felt called to witness to them. One of Bowser's superiors reminisced that he had been very strong in his youth group before coming to Iraq. Witnessing to this officer was extremely difficult because while Bowser wanted to point out the sin that had caused the officer to fall away from his faith, he could never be as bold as he wanted without risking

insubordination. Trapped between his duty as a soldier and his duty as a Christian, Bowser felt like a greyhound in a cage while the prize was racing away from him.

Rather than wallow in his own despair, Bowser realized that his only hope lay in clinging tighter than ever to God's word. The regimentation of Army life suddenly seemed less like a burden and more like the life of monks in a monastery.

"I've never had such a great setup for reading my Bible," Bowser exclaimed happily. "My time was so regimented that I could segment in my Bible [like my other tasks.]"

Pouring intensely through the scriptures, Bowser discovered a calling in the words of the prophet Isaiah. In Isaiah 6:8, Isaiah answered God's call to go into the world and speak the word of the Lord no even if it meant being rejected. Suddenly, Bowser's focus became much clearer and his purpose solidified.

"I knew that I had been called to the ministry," Bowser said, "and here was someone accepting that call. If he can do it, I can do it." This realization helped Bowser to see that his time in Iraq was preparing him for the rest of his life. Like a boxer getting his second wind, Bowser resolved to take action in his life.

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» COLBY BOWSER

By this time, Bowser was not alone. Others in his unit had also begun focusing their lives on God. Bowser was finally able to join one of the several forming Bible studies and found a friend in Sgt. Mike Richardson. Bowser and Richardson formed a tight bond by discussing the Gospel and Bowser felt relieved to find "a Christian who wanted to be a Christian."

Once the pressures of fitting his faith into his job were relieved, God started revealing more information about what lay in store for Bowser in the future. Bowser decided that he would attend Olivet when his tour ended both to join the ROTC program and to study religion. By studying further how to combine God and the military, Bowser could one day become a chaplain in the Army and help others who feel alone in their barracks.

## In a hidden world

*Students enter a land of poverty through a Golden Gate*



Students ministered to kids at an after-school program in San Francisco through The Salvation Army through baking cookies, painting faces and playing outdoor games.

By Krystal Moench

Variety writer

"I'm so cold... I'm so cold."

These were the heart-wrenching cries of Melinda, a homeless woman of San Francisco. She comes from a world hidden by darkness, governed by drug addiction, prostitution, sex shops, and vagrancy. It is dark, dirty, and cold.

She has no place to go; her belongings are packed in a couple suitcases. All accountability is lost as both she and her husband are trapped in a devastating drug addiction.

She didn't ask to live like this. Many people on the streets of San Francisco and other cities are stripped of their dignity due to this habit. They lose children to the courts—like Melinda who lost her son—jobs, family, shelter and the list continues.

As part of the MIA mission trip to San Francisco, nine other Olivetians and I had the opportunity to administer to people like Melinda. Intramurals Director Bob Kringled the team with humor, knowledge and a great love for God and for us. The team included people from all over: Indiana, Florida, New York and even a young lady from India, each with a heart to serve.

San Francisco has a population of 15,000 homeless persons. The US Census Bureau recently listed 11.3 persons living below the poverty line. This is the homeless number within a population of 801,000 people (Center for Student Missions). The homeless population makes a community of its own; a community which may be larger than many of our students' hometowns.

So who are these homeless people? Your typical high school dropout? No, actually, a quarter of the city where this community reside called the "Tenderloin" consists of retired army officers, educated men, fathers, grandmothers, and so forth. How? Each has a unique story.

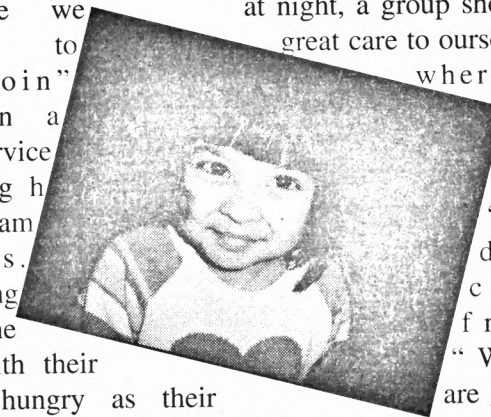
Once we ministered to "Tenderloin" residents in a chapel service through City Team Ministries. Many hung about the entrance with their

hearts as hungry as their stomachs, longing for a warm, healthy breakfast, and a word from God. Others came only for food, but the tears streaming down their faces after the service showed that God made deep impressions in their minds and hearts.

We had time to talk with these individuals personally and many shared their passion for God's Word. One man, however, felt God's love was only for Christians and not him. Also, many still believe in Buddha or a God that is plant, animal, rock, and

person. I pray that one day such distortions of God's Word will be made clear.

Working with the Center for Student Missions (CSM) became our central purpose. CSM teamed up with other missions such as the Salvation Army, daycare centers, homeless ministry organizations, HIV/AIDS projects and so forth. Sometimes, when we had delicious leftovers from restaurants, we would part from the organizations, pack the food in boxes and give them away. We also brought bags of socks with us to give away. Personally, the more I hung around them, the more human they became to me. The more I spoke with them, the more I realized that most of them are normal too. Not all are dangerous. They even administered to us: "Stay in school" they advised. Once, while passing out food and socks in the government district at night, a group showed this great care to ourselves, our whereabouts and a nd



purpose: "Where do you come from?" "Where are your parents?"

God placed us where there were needs, and these needs were great. He used us in ways that we may have been afraid of, or in ways that we never thought possible. As it is, "nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37, NIV).

So if you are ever in an area of need and you have leftover restaurant food, maybe that little white box won't end up in your already stocked fridge.

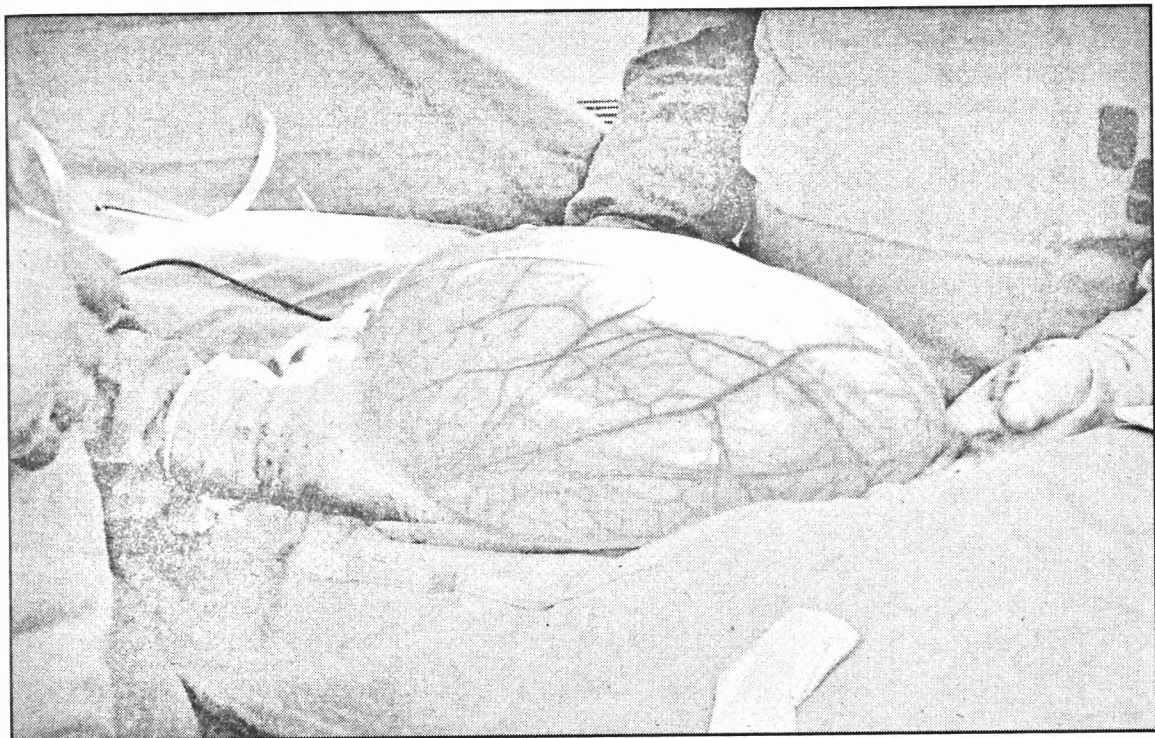
"The Lord works righteousness and justice for



The team put together meals that were distributed among to low income families and the homeless.



# Student overcomes surgical battle



Sophomore Erin Hall noticed she had been gaining weight in her stomach region. To her surprise, she eventually discovered the cause was a 12-15 pound cyst the size of a watermelon. This photo shows the removal of the growth in surgery last year.

By **Emily Davis**

Variety writer

The long sterile white hall stretched out in front of her small feet dauntingly. Never before had a small stretch of hallway, littered with medical equipment, so closely resembled Mount Everest – with peak gleaming white and daring any who attempted to climb its nearly impassable terrain. This was no Mount Everest, of course, it was a simple hospital hallway – but to Erin Hall, then an 18-year-old college freshman, the steps she would take would be the most difficult steps of her entire life. Immediately, Erin's mind drifted back to just a few days earlier, when walking was second nature and uncertainty consumed her thoughts.

She stares blankly at the dark ceiling that hung low above her. The nurse

was setting up the ultrasound equipment and made nervous small talk as she worked. Erin, however, didn't feel like chatting. Something was wrong with her – she knew it. Up to now, nothing could explain the wrenching pain in her stomach, not even medications, blood work, X-rays or the best doctors in the area. She was at her wits end. Slowly the nurse began the ultrasound procedure. Erin craned her neck to see the screen, but to an untrained eye the picture made no sense – she couldn't make out a thing. However, the wrinkled forehead of the nurse spoke volumes. The nurse continued to explore, searching and searching for something in particular but her creased forehead just became deeper. Erin's heart sank – she knew something couldn't be right. But what was it? She

looked again at the monitor to see nothing but a blur. What she didn't know, was that the nurse couldn't make anything out either.

Those days prior were now such a blur to her exhausted, medicated mind. Erin stood flanked by her two brothers, and each lifted gently the sister they cared for so deeply. Again, through bleary eyes she stared down the hospital hallway, then looked to the sincere faces that stood on either side of her, ready to carry her down the hall if need be. She flashed a smile for the first time in days and suddenly they were taken back to the night before this all began.

The quiet of the night always opens one up to reflection on the day's activities. But for Erin, this was no typical day. Of course, it was the day before Christmas Eve and the bustle of the holidays always lend one to exhaustion and nostalgia. However, holiday thoughts were not the ones that danced within her resting head. Suddenly, for the first time all day a single tear fell, like the ominous first drop of a monsoon, heavy upon her pillow.

After the ultrasound, Erin had been sent in to get a CT scan of her abdomen. The doctors talked behind closed doors, and to Erin it felt as though no news was *not* good news. She was released for a relaxing day with her family – but the day could not be enjoyed as they each anticipated a phone call from the doctor with a potential explanation for the pain that had plagued her for so long.

The doctor's call did not bring the relief the Halls had hoped for. Instead, a new tension rose up within each

and every one of them. The doctor explained that Erin had within her abdomen a cyst the size of a basketball, and their only option was immediate surgery to remove it.

These portentous words echoed in her head, and she dreaded dawn, when she would go into the hospital to make plans for surgery. Her tears fell steadily now, and her muffled sobs were only interrupted with the creak of her family room door. Her older brother, Wes, peeked his head in. The light of the hall spilled into the room, and his words cut the silence.

"Sis?" He checked to see if she was still awake. Erin turned towards the door, and saw him standing there. The look on his face mirrored her very own.

"Are you scared?" His simple question shook her, and her only response was a small nod.

"Do you mind if I pray with you?"

She could think of nothing she would rather do.

Many prayers later, everyone watched expectantly – as Erin got out of bed for the first time since the surgery. She, a newborn calf taking its first steps, wobbled a bit at first but remained determined. She lifted her foot and a searing pain shot through her stomach. Now, however, a walk down the hallway didn't seem as good of an idea. She had worked so hard to not show her pain, but

at that moment it overcame her and the room spun around her – as it had since she was first injected with anesthetic.

The anesthetic had worried her from the start. According to the Medico-Legal Advisor anesthesia mishaps affect over 2,000 surgical patients a year, and she could feel the nerves overtake her as she was slowly injected. The contrast of the warm hugs in the bleak, cold hospital room was all Erin needed as she was numbed, and prepped for the surgery. Her family, as well as her surgeons, all prayed together one last time before she was wheeled into the operating room. Erin saw the familiar faces drift further away as she was pulled down the hallway. Though she shifted in and out of coherence she understood where she was headed. Then, with one last look at the nurse – the world became black.

And then suddenly, the she was being wheeled down the hallway once more. This time, waving hello to her family rather than goodbye. She had come out on the other side and had never been happier to see the faces that awaited her in recovery. She felt as though she hadn't seen them in years – and to them, she had been gone an eternity. Though she lie helpless and motionless, the fear had subsided. Her prayers were answered.

Thoughts of that first moment after the surgery flooded her head as she

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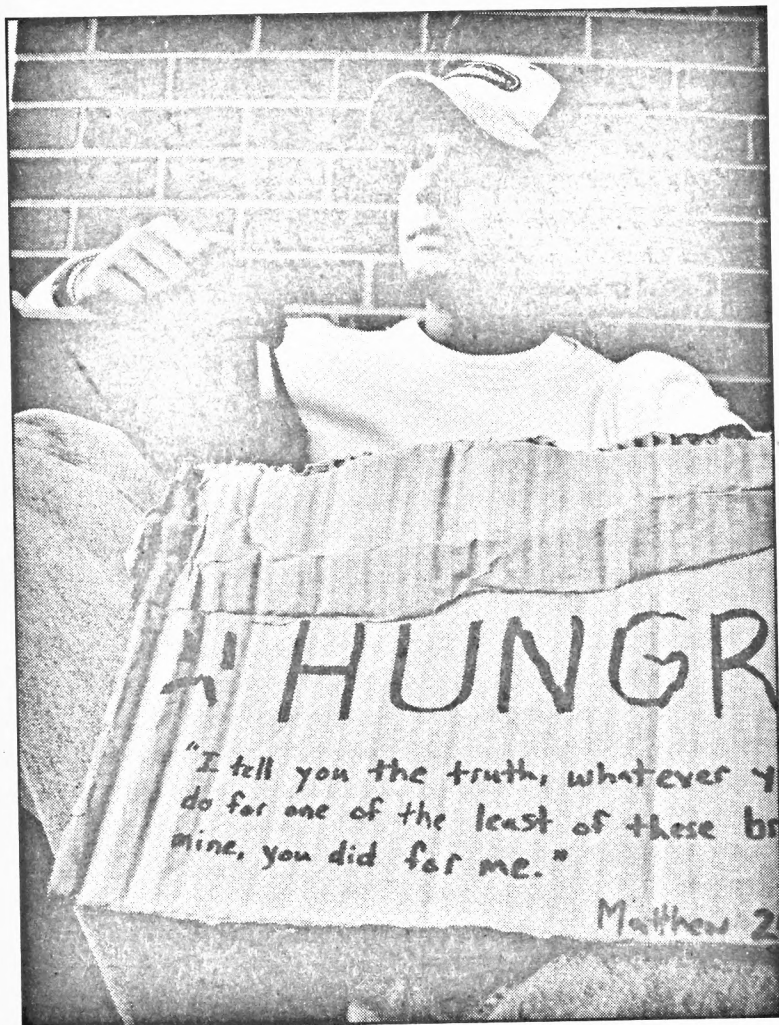
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# Students experience a week of poverty



April 10-15, a group of students lived like homeless persons on campus, begging for food and sleeping in dugouts.

By Emily Davis

Variety writer A man sits on the corner – his look is desheveled and he is surrounded by all of his belongings. It's obvious that he hasn't showered or eaten a full meal in days. As a sharp spring breeze whips through the air, he wraps his arms up in the single blanket he owns. A hand-made cardboard sign states simply: hungry -- and passersby drop donations of sandwiches and clothing. It's a typical scene on the streets of

Chicago – but this April, it was a typical scene here at ONU.

During the week of April 10-15 a group of Olivet students embarked on "Homeless Week" in an attempt to gain some insight into this world of the disenfranchised.

Ray Sthay, a junior sports management major, was one of the few students who was able to complete the entire week.

"I knew I was going to take it very seriously – pushing it as far as I could," Sthay said,

"I knew God would reveal himself to me through this experience and help me come to appreciate the relationships I have as well as all the things that I'm blessed with everyday."

Sthay, in conversation with senior Wes Hall, helped develop the idea to live in poverty after discussing his desire to understand and relate to those that feel lost in this world.

This idea then circulated and other students expressed interest in this venture into the world of the homeless. Thus the week began with over 40 homeless students that decided for one week to give up the comfort of their dorm rooms, the extravagance of their meal options and the luxuries offered by modern technology. Living solely on what they could carry, the students would have to simplify their lives and rely on their fellow students for aid.

Though they knew that they would never fully understand the worldview of the impoverished, the students decided a week of simplicity and homelessness would give them a tiny glimpse into the world of these seen, but forgotten, people.

"I now know the feeling of hunger and the feeling of cold and what it's like to feel so lost. And although

it's not anywhere close to what those on the streets of Chicago feel, since we only have to do it for a few nights, I can't just walk by anymore. I understand



Two "homeless" students sit outside Ludwig Center, taking the food and money donations of campus passersby.

them a little better," Sthay said.

Brian Schafer, a senior youth ministry major, was also a part of the fraction of the original 40 students able to complete the entire week.

"I think I learned a lot about simplicity and there's a lot of scriptural truth to that. Jesus was an example of that – he lived a simple life and calls us to be the same," Schafer said. "Now I understand that the things we see as a necessity aren't really as necessary as we think. I could just wake up and go in the mornings, and found I had a lot more time to really talk and relate to people."

Schafer also stated that the week really helped him understand the needs of those on the streets.

"Even though it's not an exact replication of what homelessness is like, it helped me better understand what being a little bit hungry, a little bit tired, and a little bit stinky is really like," Schafer said. "I don't think I'll look at a homeless person the same way – I think, even more than money, they really just want someone to talk to and to just spend a little time with them."

After the week was completed, both Schafer and Sthay felt that the effect of "Homeless Week" was strong enough to last with its participants and will hopefully lead to more such experiences in years to come.

"I could see it coming back year by year, but it's all based on the person or persons willing to plan things out and really make sure that it's not all about fun and games and that's it's a very serious issue," Sthay emphasized. "You have to ... really understand what you're getting yourself into."

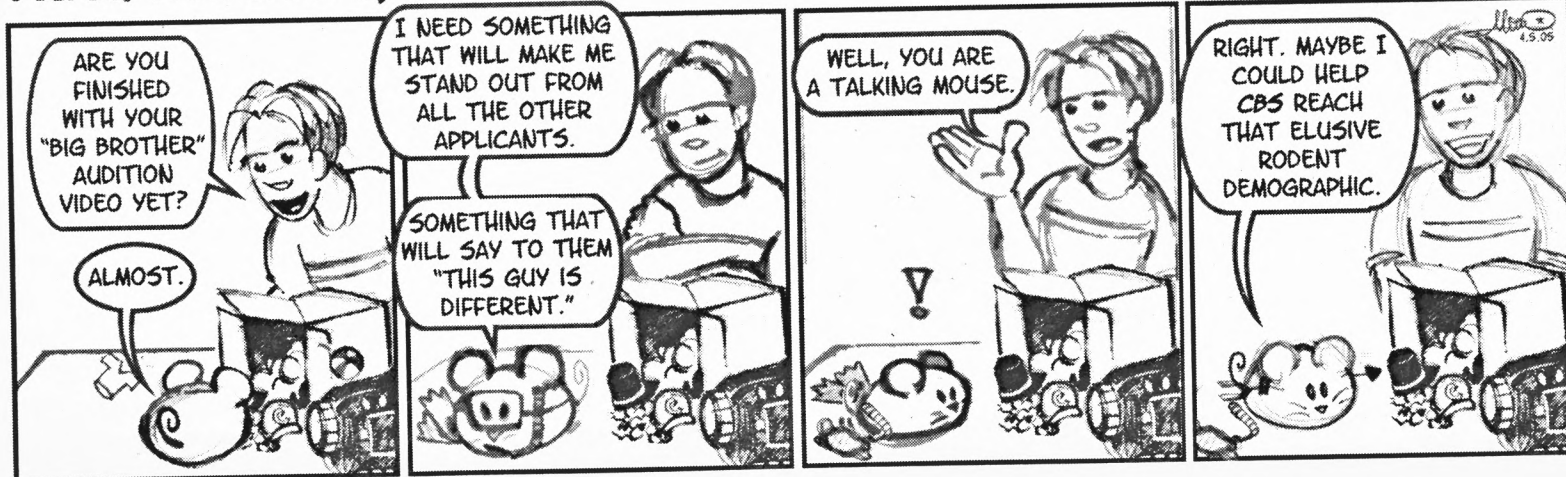
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### Katt/Mouse by David Moore



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# Beauty worth the layers of work

By Emily Davis

A&E writer

The ONU Art Department will feature the work of senior Rebecca Gray in the gallery of the Larsen Fine Arts Center April 25-29.

Gray, a graduating art major, is excited for the opportunity to finally see the culmination of four years of hard work displayed on the gallery walls.

"The lady that hung my paintings hung them in the dark," Gray said. "When the lights were turned on, it took my breath away."

Gray's displayed work is a combination of watercolor and oil paintings that reflect her interest in the beautiful side of life as well as the influence of painters such as Gustav Klimt and John Williams Waterhouse.

"I want to show [in my paintings] the beautiful things I have seen that have already been created," Gray said.

Among these are

vibrantly colored flowers and nature scenes as well as dark copper-toned portraits.

Her favorite piece, however, is one unlike any of the others on display. Titled "Italian Ironwork" this piece is the product of an expansion on a design piece by Gray's husband, ONU graduate Zachary Gray, after their honeymoon in Florence, Italy.

Based on the ironwork they saw on the Italian churches, doors and buildings during their honeymoon, Gray's husband, a graphic art major while at ONU, composed photos and later helped sketch out parts of this particular piece that Gray would finish with oil paints.

The intricacies of the piece, up to the depiction of the wood grain, were crafted in at the end with the layering technique that allows Gray to achieve the look and color she wants with the blended oil paints.

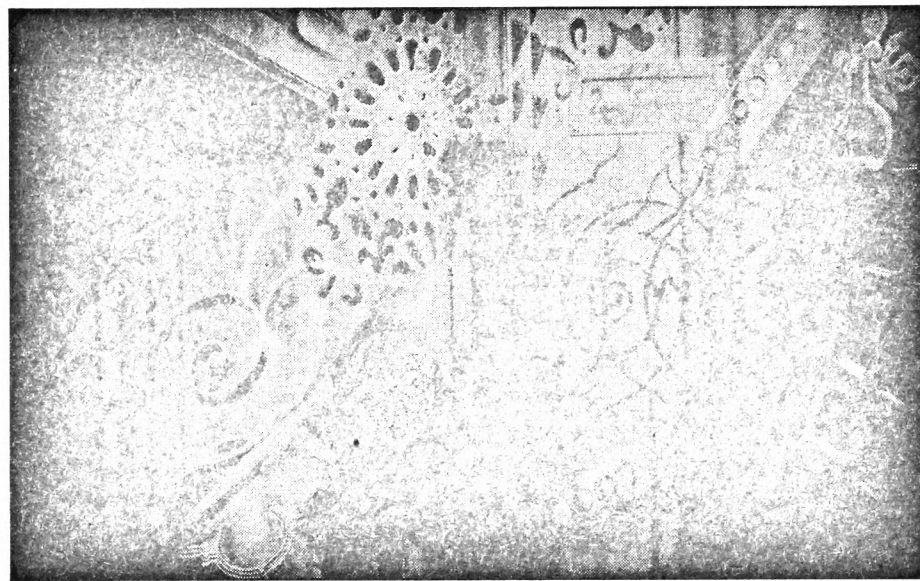
"I love working with oil paints," Gray describes,

"with water color what you put on stays on, but with oil paints you can blend layer upon layer."

This layer technique, combined with the necessary two-day drying periods for each subsequent layer, causes Gray to spend anywhere from a month to three months on any one painting.

For the Flint, Michigan native, however, the rewarding end result is worth the work, just as this rewarding senior exhibit is worth the four years and layers of work that unexpectedly began in private paint lessons her freshman year.

Though Gray originally intended to become a graphic design major, she soon realized that life in



Senior Rebecca Gray's "Italian Ironworks" oil painting combines a layering effect with the intricacies of ironwork to create a piece unlike any other in her collection.

front of the computer screen was not for her, and sought private painting instruction her freshman year.

"I just fell in love with the activeness of painting," Gray said, looking around at her work.

Though this exhibit represents the end of her Olivet career, it is just the beginning of

her professional career. After graduation, Gray will continue to do commissioned works and hopes to eventually move out West with her husband.

"I have a respect for those that paint the truth," Gray said, "but I just want to put more beauty out there."

## Clubs add new dimension to ONU

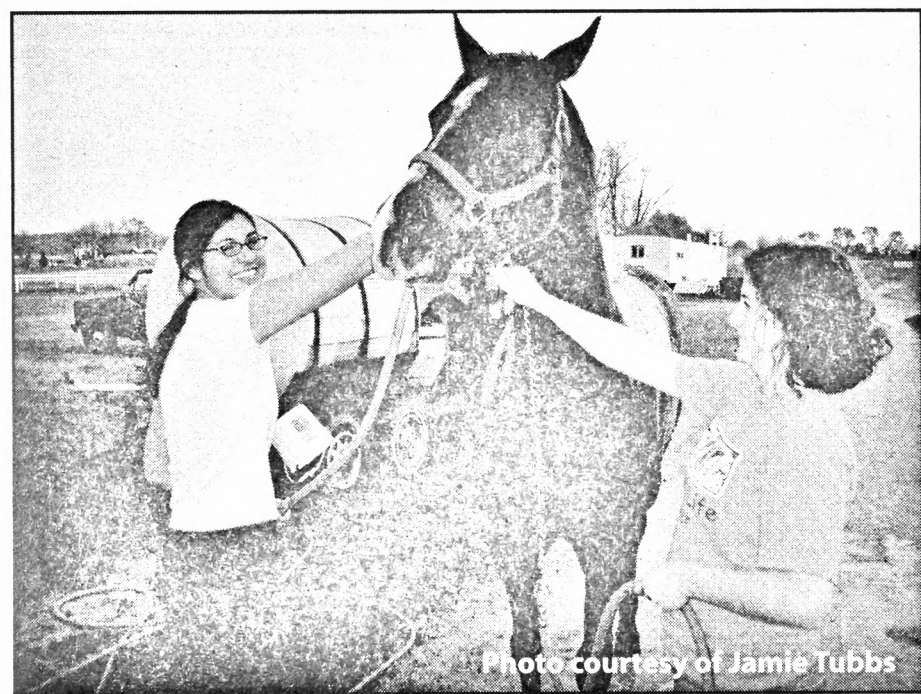


Photo courtesy of Jamie Tubbs

Jamie Tubbs (left) and Olivia Smith (right) are part of one of Olivet's newest extracurricular clubs, the Equestrian Club. Tubbs got the idea from her older sister and initiated the start herself.

By Rachel Buller

A&E writer

This spring the Associated Student Council added two new clubs to the list of officially endorsed extracurricular activities: Olivet's first ever film club, the F-Stop Project and an equestrian club.

Both groups began as an idea to outlet increased interest in the cinema as well as horseback riding last fall, though informal gatherings

did not begin until a few months ago. Junior mass communications major Derek Bowshier saw the need for the F-Stop Project while sophomore Jamie Tubbs saw the need for the equestrian club.

Though Olivet does not offer a film major, only a communication studies degree with a concentration in film, Bowshier sensed the strong need for a place students could go to convey their deep appreciation for film as an

art or just as entertainment. "There is an interest at Olivet. I've found myself all the time talking with people—just friends casually—about the latest films, the latest movies, even the classics— but there's really no outlet for those people to go to express their love for films," Bowshier said.

After three to five weeks of literally meeting "underground" in the green room of the Olivet television studio and searching for a sponsor, Bowshier found Hills Hall Resident Director Rob Gibson to oversee the bunch.

F-Stop's Tuesday night meetings include a 20-25 minute discussion on a chosen movie of the week. The club incorporates a Top Five list in which a specific genre such as chick flicks, classical films or compare and contrast are assigned.

"People are reserved about it. They think it's for a bunch of intellectual film know-it-alls. That is not the case. It is open to everyone. The mission of the club is to explore the value and worth of film, and the influence it has on our everyday lives through a Christian perspective."

Plans for next year include a Film Festival where students can premiere homemade films.

For Tubbs and the equestrian club, however, it was a somewhat different story. She got the idea to start the club from her older sister who had organized the first at her university several years ago. Noting that fellow neighboring Christian colleges Taylor and Indiana Wesleyan had strong equestrian programs, Tubbs decided to give it a try.

"It has added a whole new dimension to what their school has to offer. I think if Olivet had a good, strong program it would draw in a lot of people," Tubbs said.

Tubbs discovered an outpouring of response. After placing an ad in Tiger Talk last December, the marketing major received more than 50 replies. Though only 12 meet biweekly for 5 and 6 p.m. lessons, interest is growing. The owner of Sunrise Farms,

Karen Hemza, offered to give Olivet students a price break, charging only \$20 per one-hour horse riding session.

The group's current sponsor, Computer Science Department professor Catherine Bareiss, had already been riding at Sunrise Farms, where the group currently meets for one-hour lessons on Monday evenings, nearly four years.

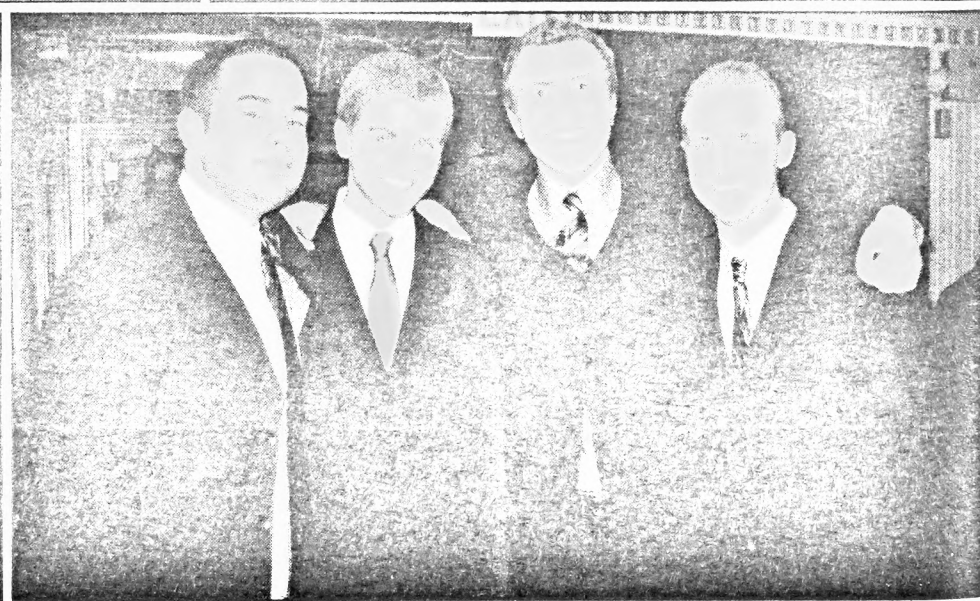
With a max of four students in each lesson, riders are divided into two different levels: beginner and intermediate/advanced individual. The group meets collectively, though persons may take additional lessons on their own time if desired. The Equestrian Club does not have an official mission but wants to be a group where anyone can join, regardless of experience or riding ability.

As for the future, Tubbs hope to double the number of attendees to 20 or more members and is even looking into Olivet becoming a team and competing on the intercollegiate level.

Both the F-Stop Project and Equestrian Club bring a wide array of diversity and opportunity for students with a love for film, a love for horses, or both.

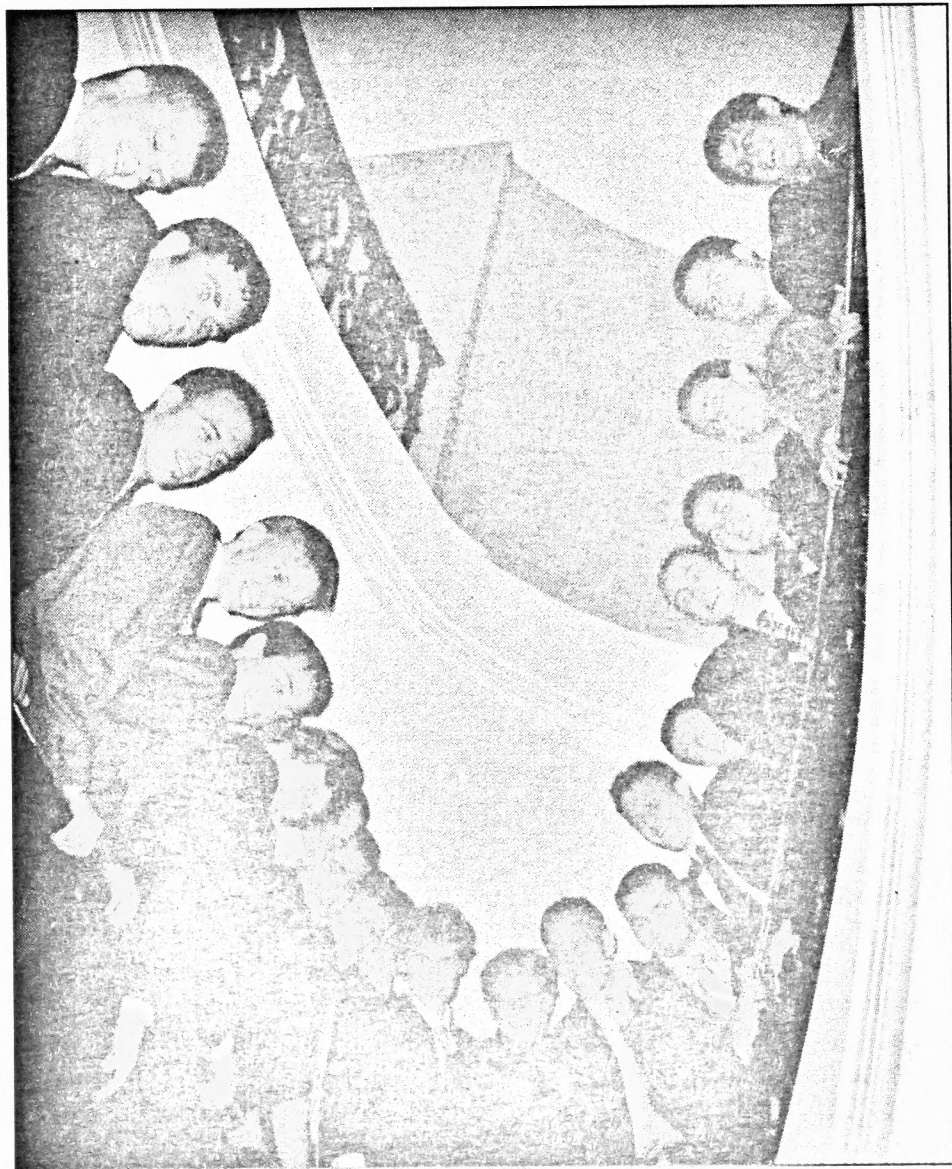


# Blue like Jazz





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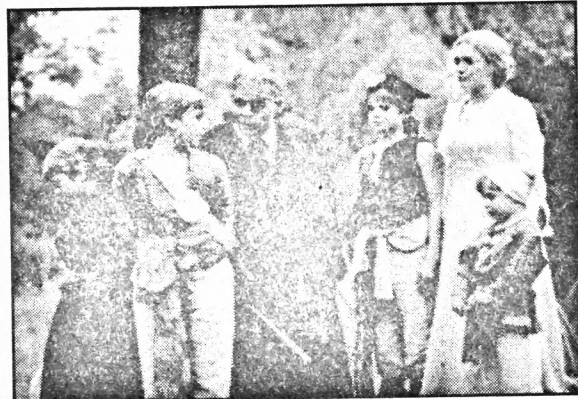
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# The A&E Best of 2004-2005

By **Stephen Foxworthy**  
A&E writer

Another year has come and gone and with it, a vast array of entertainment options ranging from movies to music and everything in



Finding Neverland grossed over \$51 million at the box office this year. With its intriguing story of living somewhere between a boy and man, it was a hit with audiences everywhere.

between. And, to be certain, this past school year has been a good one for *not* studying and indulging in these myriad options of amusement and distraction. However, in a year of so many greats, is it possible to root out the best of the best, the crème de la crème, the cream of the crop? I adhere that it is possible and, as such, I plan to lay out my favorite

picks of the 2004/2005 school year. You may disagree but, until you're writing your own column, we'll never know, will we?

**Movies:** This was a *great* school year for movies. With powerhouse casting, films like *The Incredibles* and *Ray* played big at the Oscars and won a lot of acclaim besides. However, my pick for the best film of the 2004/2005 school year is *Finding Neverland*. In the toss-up that ensued between this

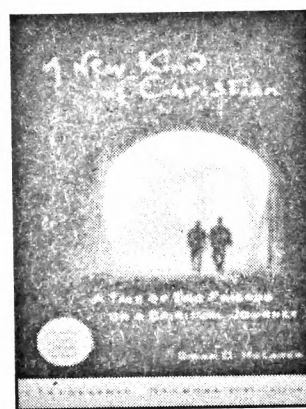
film and Oscar-winner *Million Dollar Baby*, *Neverland* eventually won out simply because of where I am in my life: somewhere between man and boy. *Neverland* reminds its audience not to grow up too quickly and, if you must, never lose that spark of imagination. Compounded with heart-wrenching performances by Johnny Depp, Kate Winslet,

and newcomer Freddie Highmore, *Neverland* succeeds making us realize that there is beauty in innocence and pain when it is lost.

**Music:** While I wasn't particularly grabbed by many musical releases over this past school year, one album in particular had tracks that pulled me in and had me singing along – a rarity for someone who regards contemporary music as I do. Still, Green Day's *American Idiot* made many stand up and take notice. With ballads like "Wake Me Up When September Ends" and rock numbers like "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," *American Idiot* stands apart as one of Green Day's best albums to date and truly shows the band's sense of maturity, which is a stark departure from early albums like *Dookie*.

**Television:** While shows like *Arrested Development* and *American Dad* (all one episode of it) did truly capture my attention, no single show held my interest like the fourth season of *24*. Kiefer Sutherland returned for another day in the life of CTU special agent Jack Bauer in a real time look into the most unbelievably horrible days

that any man, woman, or child has ever seen. Anytime I think I'm having a bad day, I just watch Bauer and then I don't feel quite so bad. Also, with great acting, edge-of-your-seat action, and some of the best writing in television, *24* never fails to deliver. Check it out sometime – you'll be glad you did.



Brian McLaren's semi-autobiographical story is a must read for 2004-2005.

**DVD:** When I look for a DVD, I'm not just looking for a movie I enjoy, but for deleted scenes, gag reels, behind-the-scenes featurettes, actor/director commentaries, and more Easter eggs than you can shake a thirty-nine and half foot pole at. That having been said, only one DVD release this year *really* met all of the above criteria for me: *The Incredibles*. Not only was Brad Bird's Pixar debut just a great movie, but

the extra features – including a comprehensive list of every superhero in and out of the movie – really pushed this DVD into a higher echelon of cool. A must-have for DVD enthusiasts everywhere!

**Books:** Being a senior philosophy major, one really doesn't have time to read for recreational purposes. Still, I was lucky enough to read one book that both entertained me and stretched me beyond myself. And, granted, it wasn't released this school year, but it's worth a read no matter who you are. Brian McLaren's *A New Kind of Christian* is the semi-autobiographical story of a pastor who is on the verge of losing his faith until he comes across a man who tells him that there is, perhaps, a better way to 'do' Christianity. At times entertaining, at times condemning and confusing, but always engaging, *Christian* is a must-read for Christians living in this day and age. Truly, an inspiring read!

Like I said, it's been a great year and, with it, a lot of great entertainment options have been left at your disposal. And, with summer (or, for my fellow graduating seniors: life) rapidly approaching, you no longer have an excuse but to go out and amuse yourself on these great distractions and others.

## EDITOR'S CORNER

By **Amanda Shelley**  
A&E editor

It's hard to believe that this is our last issue of the 2004-2005 school year. Looking back, I'm not exactly sure how I got here sometimes.

When I first started out this year, I really had no idea what to expect. I found out three weeks before school started in the fall that I was being offered the position of Arts and Entertainment editor. Being a journalism major, I jumped at the chance to be a part of the staff. Though I had little idea what my duties would be, I was excited. I will admit I have had a fair share of challenges and frustrations along the way, from learning a computer program that I had never seen in my life (and let me just tell you that technology and I do not have the most satisfying relationship) to assigning stories and helping writers, but it has all been worth it. The responsibility was overwhelming at times, to realize that as an editor I represent the administration,

the students, and the school through my work. However, I would not trade the experience I have gained for anything. I was fortunate to work with a wonderful staff of editors as well as writers who made my experience easier, and fun.

I hope you enjoyed this year as much as I did. As editors (and I think any member of the staff would tell you this) we strive to meet the needs and wants of the student body. We are available to you and we welcome your feedback. One of the best things about this year was not only hearing the compliments on GlimmerGlass but also hearing what we could improve.

I would like to say a special thank you to senior Stephen Foxworthy who has provided you throughout the year with his wonderful commentary on movies, CDs, and books. Thank you also to all my writers as well as all the subjects of A&E articles. I can't wait to serve as your Variety editor next year!

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## Lifesong travels around region

By Amy Kistner

Spiritual Life writer Lifesong is a ministry of music that consists of individual groups that travel and use their gifts to minister to the people of the Olivet region. The various groups do outreach ministry through leading worship at various churches and inreach ministry by leading chapel worship.

Kim Meiste and Katie Sifferd are the co-leaders of Lifesong this year. As leaders, they hand-pick the group leader and groups. Meiste also meets with the leaders and helps them start rehearsals and traveling.

### "Beautiful Paradox"

"Beautiful Paradox" is comprised of leader, Aaron Grise, Heather Caldwell, Kimberly DeMint, and Andrea

The group has had some great moments together. Some of the group's best moments were spent worshipping.

Some different things that the members of the group have experienced just through being a part of this ministry vary with each member.

"The opportunity of leading a group has taught me a lot about myself. Being a leader isn't always the easiest thing to do. There are many decisions that need to be made, and a lot of behind the scenes pre-planning/red tape to take care of. I've learned that I certainly have what it takes to be a leader, and that God has blessed me with this ability," said Grise.

"My walk with God

differently," Board said.

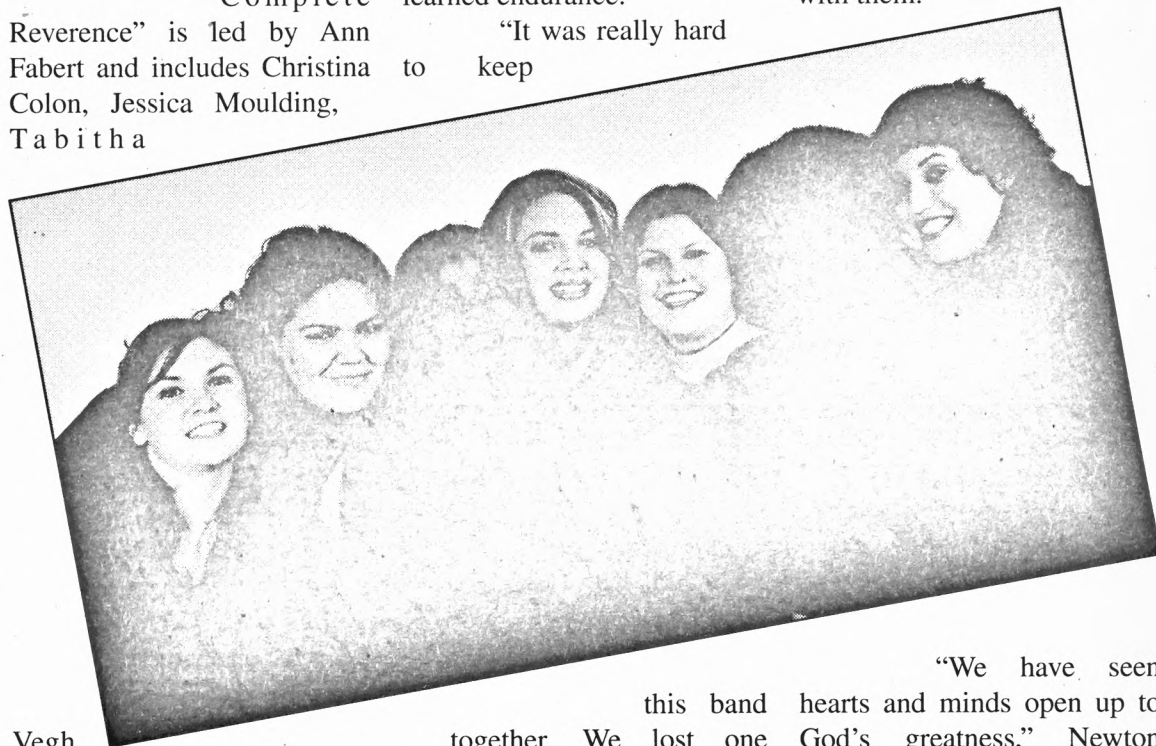
### "Complete Reverence"

"Complete Reverence" is led by Ann Fabert and includes Christina Colon, Jessica Moulding, and Tabitha

The members of the group have each learned different things from being a part of this group. Christina learned endurance.

"It was really hard to keep

their traveling. They have seen God lead people to Him, from youth at various retreats to older generations worshipping with them.



Vegh and Lauren Baruth. Through this ministry, the girls have seen God touch people's hearts and lives.

"This ministry has brought a sense of newness to churches that do not have much variety in their worship," said Fabert.

"People have said that they have really been blessed and that they liked it and different things," Colon added.

God has worked through their individual lives

this band together. We lost one member in the first month. We lost another this first semester. This band wasn't what I liked or what I expected. It really took endurance. I learned that God will really bless you in the end if you stay and stick with it. It's what a lot of people don't do, they just don't stick with things. That's what I learned was just

"We have seen hearts and minds open up to God's greatness," Newton said.

God has worked through each of their lives in many miraculous ways. "After leading worship all over the Midwest, I feel God's call to start a new ministry at another campus. I will be leaving Olivet to attend the University of Indianapolis to lead worship and do compassionate ministries," Newton said.

The group has had many great moments

Board,

Elizabeth Graper, Chase Means and Jason Athialy. The group came up with its name after prayer and discussion. The group has seen its ministry touch many people's hearts and lives. In every church that they have been to, they have been joyfully received and have been invited back and God has worked through each member's life in every way.

"Not only has my relationship with God grown more mature and stronger, but I have really learned how to trust God," DeMint said.

"God has shown me many things that I didn't know about myself before. It's really hard for me not to be in control of things if I think I can do it better. I think God has shown me to trust other people more. I had a real trust issue at first," Board said.

has become so deep and intense. I have learned how to turn to God in certain situations. When we didn't have practice for a week or so, you could really tell because it would influence my walk with God almost. Beautiful Paradox has really reminded me how important it is to spend time with God everyday," DeMint said.

"God's presence is so powerful. I can be having the worst day of my life, then go to practice, more times than none when I don't want to be there, and just getting a great spiritual upliftment. It's amazing how God can use different people, songs, and situations to speak to each individual person

through this ministry as well. "In my life, He has pushed me to take on a role of complete leadership. Being a leader forces you to know what you stand for and to be strong in what you believe in. I believe that God blessed me with this great group to challenge me to be the leader that I really am," said Fabert.

"I don't know about the other girls, but I just really think God has really shown me to get over myself. Get over that it is not what I expected, but that God works through things we don't expect and don't always want," Colon said.

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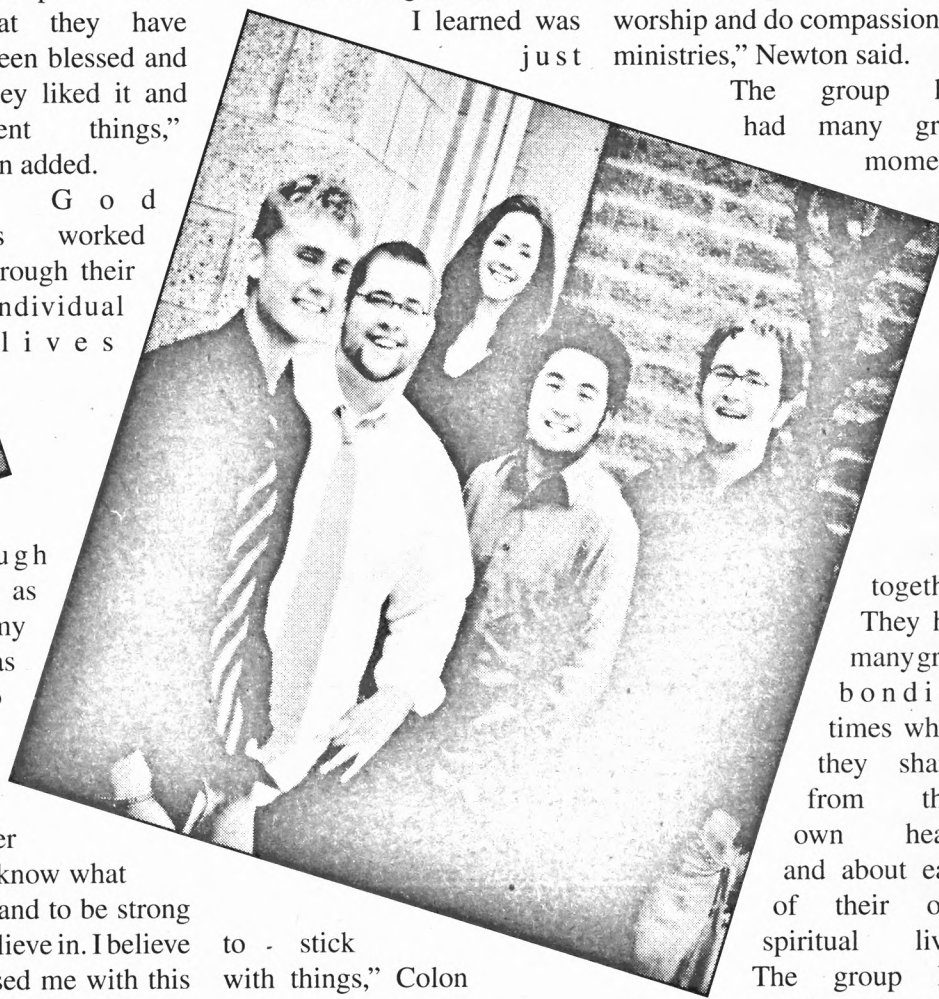
### "Eleison"

"Eleison" consists of Levi Holland, Jonathan Nance, Katie Sifferd, Evan Ledyard, and Jonathan Newton. Their group name is the Greek word for 'mercy.'

They have seen God work in many ways throughout

together. They had many great bonding times where they shared from their own hearts and about each of their own spiritual lives. The group has experienced many things just from being a part of this awesome and unique campus ministry.

"I've experienced many different churches and many different people. From youth to 90 year olds, it amazes me how powerful a religious body can be with such a diverse group of believers," Newton said.





"God really calls you out of your comfort zone sometimes, but as long as you are willing, God can do amazing things," Sifferd said.

### "Homesick"

"Homesick" consists of Jerrod Covert, Kim Meiste, Tyler Greene, Greg St. Louis and Joe Mullikin. They came up with their name from the song "Homesick" by Mercy Me and Psalms 119:81, which says in *The Message*, "I'm homesick—longing for your salvation; I'm waiting for your word of hope."

of what God has done through us," said St. Louis.

Covert said that it was in the way the Spirit was with them. "It is like any ministry. You have good days where the Spirit really moves, and there are bad days where we mess up the songs and the Spirit doesn't appear to be with us, yet He still is," Covert said.

God has worked in each of the group members' lives throughout the whole time they have each been involved with the group. "He has taught me many things," said Covert, "but mostly to trust in Him and give Him everything about my life and let Him lead me."

"I

see God's awesome plan being worked through me to touch those around us. It's incredible," St. Louis said.

"I think being in 'Homesick' has helped all of us understand just how much we need to give back to God: not just a portion, but all we have to offer," Meiste said.

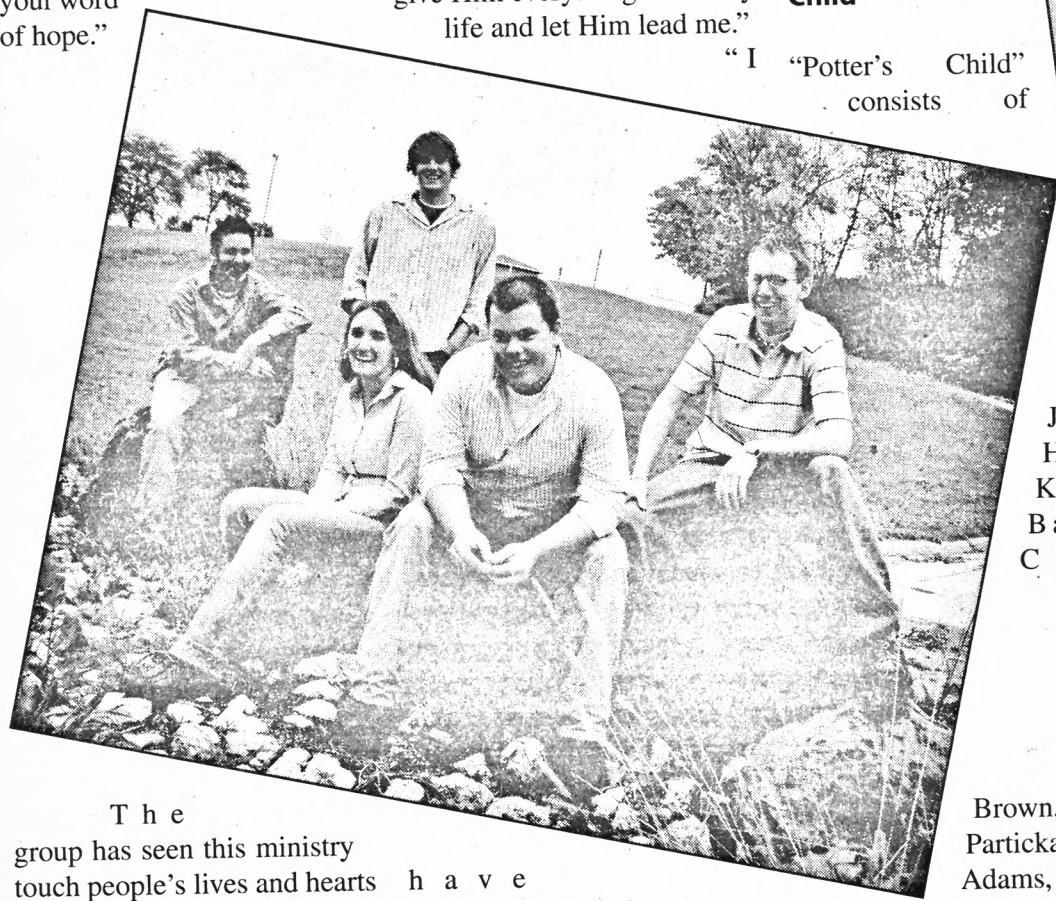
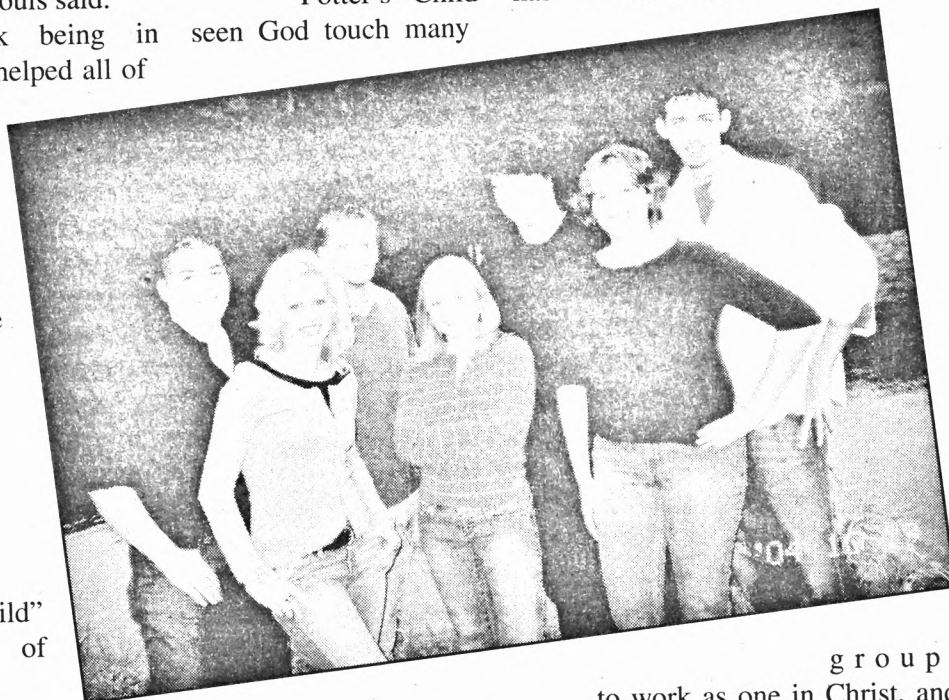
### "Potter's Child"

"Potter's Child" consists of

friendships have grown tremendously from being in this ministry together.

"Potter's Child" has seen God touch many

"The good times have helped us through the bad. We have also learned what it is like to work as a



The group has seen this ministry touch people's lives and hearts in many ways. "We've seen the gratitude and thanks of many congregations, and see their hearts open up as a result

have personally grown in my walk with God since I have started. I realize the talents I have been blessed with and

Main.

The group's

Jonathan Harris, Kayla Ballard, Chris

Brown, Jennifer Particka, Paul Adams, Abby Day and Justin

people's hearts and lives. "You may not see it directly, but you do make an impact when you share your gifts with others," Harris said.

God has worked through the lives of the members because of their involvement in this group. Harris has learned what it is like to lead a group and keep everyone accountable for themselves.

"It was hard at times, but since I knew that this wasn't for us, that it was all for the glory of God, it helped me make it through some tough practices," Harris said.

"Potter's Child" has experienced many things as a group over their time of being together. They have shared both good times and bad.

group, to work as one in Christ, and to show His love to others," Harris said.

They also experienced the love of Christ themselves by being shown wonderful hospitality by the people that they stayed with on their various trips. According to Harris the people in the churches were very loving.

"These people wouldn't even know us, yet they opened up their homes, gave us home-cooked meals and treated us as if we were one of their own," Harris said.

Harris also said some of the best experiences were seeing how God worked in some of the smallest areas with people just sharing what they had.

### EDITOR'S CORNER

# A time, season for everything

**There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:**

**a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,**

**a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,**

**a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,**

**a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,**

**a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,**

**a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,**

**a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.**

-Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

By Denise Knee

Spiritual Life editor

I have always loved this passage because it reminds me that it is normal to go through both good and bad times in life. This passage is especially good to remember during college, a time in life where one seems to go through an extra amount of good and bad times.

As I write, I cannot help but think of how many people have lost friends or loved ones in tragic car accidents. Olivet has certainly gone through more than its share of death and mourning this year. However, I am thankful that there is always a friend to help those in mourning through the difficult times.

Yet the loss of a loved one is not the only difficult thing one can go through in college. Many people are suffering from other difficulties

in their lives, difficulties that no one may even know about. But thankfully we go to a school where the professors care enough to lift up their students in prayer and to truly care about their well being.

Every student here at Olivet is going through a somewhat challenging time right now. The freshmen are about to finish their very first year of college and are anxiously awaiting not being the lowly freshmen anymore. The sophomores cannot believe that they are almost done with their second year of college and the juniors are ready to take over as seniors next year.

However, those going through the most challenging time have to be the seniors. No longer will the seniors be living in the confines of the "Olivet bubble" but instead they will be moving on to life in the world outside of the

bubble. Some are scared and nervous. Others are excited and cannot wait to get out there and experience all the world has to offer them. But most are feeling a combination of feelings. Graduation is perhaps one of the most anticipated events in a person's life, however, it also brings the "carefree" time of a person's life to an end and throws them into the real world whether they are ready or not.

As I am about to graduate, I must admit that I am super excited, but also nervous.

Yes, a small part of me is a little sad to be leaving Olivet. I will miss the GlimmerGlass. These last four years of being Spiritual Life editor have been wonderful, but I am praying that in the years to come I will experience plenty of opportunities that will be just as wonderful.



# Baseball team looking to finish out strong season

By **Hannah Witt**

Sports writer

As the season draws to a close the baseball team is looking for a great finish after an incredible season. With a current record of 33-9 and 13 wins in a row, the team is looking for an automatic bid into the playoffs after securing their conference title.

Captain Dee (Daniel) McDonald comments that the playoffs will be played in Iowa this year where the team will play the number 3 seed of the Iowa Conference as long as their goal of winning conference comes true.

The overall season for the team has been quite a ride.

Darin Zimmerman said "Things were a little shaky in the beginning of the year, but since the Florida trip during spring break we have been able to get on a roll."

The most important victories of the season came when the team swept St. Xavier in their conference play. Both of the games went into extra innings and the second game consisted of 15 innings where the team pulled out an 8-7 victory. Rick Weber pitched a total of 24 innings throughout the course of the two games.

Tyler Delamater said "Our biggest accomplishment this season has been sweeping St. Xavier and it was definitely

the highlight of our season thus far."

One thing that has allowed the players to accomplish what they have today is the unity throughout the team. Team unity can make or break the team and this team has allowed unity to take them to new heights.

"The team unity is excellent," Lucas Highley commented. "We are a really tight knit group and it makes you want to perform better as to not let anyone down."

Along with unity on the field the team has also united mentally in striving for the same goals.

"We are all united in the mind-set of winning and going about the process of getting back to the NAIA World Series," McDonald said. "But it is a process, we can't get to the World Series without winning our regional games and super-regional games so we know we need to stay focused."

The captains, McDonald, Rick Weber, and Richard Rossano, have all contributed to the success of the team.

"[The captains] lead by example which is the best way to do it," Jay Sayes said. "Some guys tend to be more vocal but our captains lead by their play on the field."

Zimmerman agreed



As one of this year's captains, Darin Zimmerman, junior (above), has been instrumental to his teams success.

and stated that the captains are all strong people, players, and leaders.

While the team has succeeded, it hasn't been without a struggle.

"The toughest thing to overcome this year for everyone is frustration," McDonald said. "This year, we have hit more line drives right at the other team; it's been very frustrating. We have tried to cope with it though, and we have won in spite of our lack of good line drive placement."

Another stumbling block for the team was their disappointing losses to Judson College. Although Judson swept Olivet, the Tigers were able to come back and have an incredible season.

The team is looking for a great finish to the season with an eventual bid to the NAIA World Series. If they continue the way they are going there is no end to what they can accomplish.

## Stokes reminds us that NAIA is not irrelevant for athletes

By **Andy Maynard**

Sports editor

Each year, the last overall pick in the NFL draft is given the title "Mr. Irrelevant." This year, tight end Andy Stokes was chosen out of William Penn University in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Stokes was the only NAIA player chosen in the NFL draft this year. Last year, two players were chosen from NAIA colleges and both of them were still on NFL rosters at the end of the regular season.

Though Stokes was the last chosen, he fared better than former Heisman Trophy winner Oklahoma quarterback Jason White. White went undrafted this year and will hope for a chance in free

agency.

The interesting connection that Olivet athletics has to this year's "Mr. Irrelevant" is that Olivet beat Stokes and the rest of the William Penn University football team earlier this year by a score of 14-3. In that game, Stokes amassed 68 yards on three catches which was the best receiving performance in the game.

For the season, Stokes had 42 receptions and 752 yards. This was only the fourth

most reception yards per game in the MSFA Midwest and 38<sup>th</sup> in the NAIA. What impressed the Patriots' scouts about Stokes was his 253-pound frame combined with his 4.72 second 40-yard-dash time.

Stokes being drafted is a prime example of how small programs such as the ones at William Penn and Olivet have the potential to develop professional athletic talent. There are currently several players in the NFL that attended NAIA schools. These

players include quarterback John Kitna, defensive end Hugh Douglas, and tight end Casey Fitzsimmons.

The title of "Mr. Irrelevant" has been celebrated for 30 years and was founded by Paul Salata. The title of Mr. Irrelevant comes with being the guest of honor at banquets and parties during Mr. Irrelevant Week in Newport Beach, Calif. Additionally, the winner is awarded the Lowsman Trophy, the week's version of and word play on the Heisman Trophy.

This year, Olivet's leading receiver Joey Brewer had more receptions (52) and almost as many yards (738) as Stokes this season. Brewer finished just behind Stokes in reception yards per game in the MFSA Midwest.

**Players in the NFL that attended NAIA schools include Bengals' quarterback John Kitna, Eagles' defensive end Hugh Douglas, and Lions' tight end Casey Fitzsimmons.**

### THE SKINNY

#### Baseball(33-9, 14-2)#17

Saint Xavier Univ.	W 6-5
Univ. of St. Francis	W 8-0
Trinity Internat'l U.	W 11-1
	W 11-1
Purdue-North Cent.	W 4-2
	W 4-2
Trinity Christian U.	W 9-2
	W 5-0
Cardinal Stritch U.	W 14-4
	W 11-1
Univ. of St. Francis	W 12-7
Univ. of St. Francis	W 13-3
St. Xavier Univ.	W 8-7

#### Softball (31-23, 13-3)

Trinity Christian Col.	W 9-0
	W 4-3

#### Robert Morris

##### Tournament:

William Woods	L 2-3
R. Morris-Spring.	W 12-5
Bethel	W 9-1
Trinity Christian	W 8-4
Trinity Internat'l	W 11-0
	W 12-0
U. of St. Francis(Ind.)	W 7-0
	W 8-0
U. of St. Francis (Ill.)	W 4-3
	L 1-5
Cardinal Stritch U.	W 2-0
	W 7-2
Purdue-North Cent.	W 6-3
	W 9-5

#### NCCAA North Central

##### Region Tournament:

Trinity Christian	W 6-2
Bethel	W 4-1
Calumet of St. Joe	W 18-0
	W 18-0

#### Tennis (M) (17-2) #17

Elmhurst Col.	W 9-0
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#### Outdoor Track (M)

##### Chicagoland

##### Intercollegiate Meet:

8th overall
400-meter dash
1st - A. Smith

#### Outdoor Track (W)

##### Chicagoland

##### Intercollegiate Meet:

5th overall - 75 points
800-meter run
1st - B. McCoy
3rd - S. Batkiewicz
1500-meter run
2nd - B. McCoy
Pole vault
2nd - A. Heinold
5000-meter run
3rd - E. Batkiewicz
10,000-meter run
3rd - S. Mulieri
4x400 relay
3rd-new school record

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

*Approaching the finish line: Thinking back over four years as editor*

**Andy "Greetings" Maynard**  
A&E writer

This is the final issue of the GlimmerGlass of my college career. Those few people that have been here for four (or more) years and regularly read the GlimmerGlass sports section should have become fairly well-acquainted with my work. Most people, however, have no clue of who I am or how I got to be a sports editor. To tell you the truth, neither do I.

When I first applied to be an editor for the GlimmerGlass, it was the first week of my freshman year in good old 2001. Luckily for me, no one applied for the job the semester before and even though I had only a little bit of journalism experience and training, I was hired.

Since then, every issue of the GlimmerGlass that has covered the athletics of Olivet has included my work. In that time, I've received four years worth of publishing experience and paychecks, countless mozzarella sticks from the

Red Room, no classroom journalism training, and two disagreeable letters. One of the letters was a disagreement to an article I published about southern Illinois' St. Louis Cardinal fandom and the other was a rude, unsigned note about how I failed to include the cross country team in a photo spread.

This brings me to my first observation about covering athletics in college. In our specific situation where an issue is published only twice a month, it is impossible to inform the student body about each and every sporting activity that is taking place on the campus. This is especially true in the fall when 9 sports are going on at the same time. This is much easier in the winter and spring when the number of sports is down to 4 and 5. So I have done the best that I could. If there is a team, player, or coach that has done an extraordinary job in their sport which I have failed to cover, I apologize. I wish that I could cover every minute of every game but limited time, space, and manpower has prevented me from doing so.

The second observation about covering athletics in college is the equality and high expectations that the official organizations put on the athletes. Once a person migrates from high school sports into college sports, they are then labeled as young men and women. Instead

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of playing boys' basketball and girls' track, they now play men's basketball and women's track. Also, most journalists describe teams in a gender neutral way. I became aware of this in my second year as a sports editor and since then, the term "Lady Tigers" has

not appeared in this section. If equality and expectations are to be applied to all athletes within an organization, then it must have a foundation laid in the words that they use. The NAIA has done an excellent job of that.

There are many people that I will thank for their help over the last four years. First, I'd like to thank former GlimmerGlass editor Erin Rumbley (soon to be Doss) for giving me the opportunity to have this job and for being patient with me as I learned how to do it. I'd also like to thank my roommate Rodger Doss for distinguishing me from all the other Andys on this campus with the moniker of "Greetings." I didn't really know the people on this year's GlimmerGlass staff before I started working, but the people that I have gotten to know (Tricia, Jenny, Amanda, Niki, and Daena) have made this a fun year. I'm glad that I stayed on with them even when many of my other editor friends had moved on. Thom has also been great this year. He has allowed me the flexibility to do this job in spite of my busy schedule.

I'd like to thank all of the coaches and players that did interviews with me or my other writers. Without their openness and welcoming nature toward reporters, this job would nearly be impossible. Additionally, I'd like to thank my copy editor for bettering my grades across the board and giving me a place to escape to. Finally, I'd like to thank Marc Shaner, Olivet's sports information director. Without his thorough, quality Olivet athletics page, I would have very little open information. Shaner is a great sports information director and Olivet is fortunate to have him as a part of its athletic department team.

The future for me does not hold a career in sports journalism. I believe that it is a wonderful field and with the right heart and effort, it would be a great career. After all, if Raymond can do it, how hard can it be? If anyone wishes to become a sports writer, our communication program will give you a great opportunity to reach that goal.

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A tiny sliver of 40 would never be able to create this type of scenario in the Olivet bubble.

Yet in all of our failures and foolish attempts, we did find a new prayer and blessing. It goes like this:

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers and superficial relationships, so that you will live deep within your heart.

May God bless you

with anger at injustice, so that you will work for justice, equality and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others

tell you cannot be done.

We that experienced the week of homelessness find ourselves in the process of being reconciled to the heart of Christ, the work of his Kingdom in the presence of the downtrodden and outcast. We could not ask for more.

### » ANDREW TARRANT

People have claimed that because you could never really experience what it is like to be homeless in the comfort of Olivet, you should not bother trying. This is like saying, "You'll never know what it is like to be French, so there is no point in visiting France." Or, "You'll never be holy, so why try." This is a negative defeatist attitude.

Homeless Week enabled me to better identify with those Christ identified with and also allowed me to better appreciate what I have been given. To those who argue against giving up the good things God has given us, I say look at the New Testament. Jesus was always talking about giving things up. Also, Jesus came to earth that he might suffer, and

in so doing identify with those who suffer. So we should identify with those who suffer.

Yes, I can never say to a homeless person, "I know what you are going through." But I can say, "I know what it is like to have no bed, or enough food, or shelter, or ability to be clean. I have experienced these things."

### » THOMAS BRIDGES

I am not sure if "Homeless Week" is the right name for what we did - we were not as desperate or alone as homeless people. It was born out of our lunch conversations about how fortunate we are with things like food.

We didn't solve world hunger or poverty. We did do something though, and something is more than the nothing that most people do every single day without ceasing. Christ identified with sinners so much that people often included him with the same labeling. Mother Theresa - and countless others - purposely took on lives of poverty to identify with those who Christ identified with (the poor), and to leave the pursuit of earthly treasures.

What we did was a bodily, spiritual discipline. Our culture has trained us to think what is appropriate, what is expected, what is "normal" and what to live for. This week challenged that - our imagination was recreated. We are not the same. We will never look at a homeless person the same again. We have stopped wasting as much food. And the one thing everyone seemed to learn: people are more important than tasks. We all spent more time with people that week. Our imaginations are changing. Words cannot do justice to what happened, or what will happen as a result.

### » BRIAN SCHAFER

Empathizing with the homeless entails so much more than just a set of actions. It's about *identifying* with those who suffer. That was completely what Christ was about.

I've learned that many of the things that we consider necessities are not necessities at all. In fact, many times they only become hindrances. I know this week will affect the way I see the homeless... This week will affect the way I live my day-to-day life.



Meet Isabelle. She is one of the 9,687 people estimated to be homeless in the city of Chicago and one of the 2,531 who reside on the street or at public places such as this underpass near the Kennedy Expressway's North Ave. exit. Isabelle makes her living collecting cans and says that her cart is the closest thing to her permanent home.

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to misuse, and inevitably waste, our resources.

The Christian lifestyle calls us to be good stewards of all that God gives us. Good stewardship is a spiritual discipline that affects all aspects of our daily lives. For those students who chose to mask themselves in the face of homelessness for a week, many resources inadvertently lay to waste. Certainly sleeping outside for several consecutive nights did not allow students to focus on their studies. Inter-peer relationships suffered as participants became too tired, too smelly, or even too grumpy to initiate conversation with friends. Food lay to waste, as not even the dining hall could know not to prepare food unclaimed by students choosing to beg instead.

Perhaps this initial complaint of Homeless Week appears trite at best; recognizing this, I chose to initiate conversations with participants. On Wednesday of that week I spent two hours in the company of homeless students as they partook in their late-night activities.

From this interaction I witnessed the formation of new friendships between college students experiencing "mutual suffering." Even more so, I sensed a new awareness (yet still superficial *understanding*) of the reality of desperation homeless people face daily.

But my interaction with the "homeless" that evening also allowed me to realize the ultimate reason for my concern for this student production: for all my wanting to see Christ at the center of the student's actions, I did not witness a community attentive to God's purposes.

Much to my disappointment, I realized that the events of Homeless Week played out no differently than they might at a secular university. Certainly, students on many college campuses rally around a variety of social causes and host creative events to awaken their peers against social injustices. And because they attend a secular school, faith is forbidden to enter the arena at such events. Yet, at Olivet, our faith should—indeed, must—play a major

role in our outcries against the ills of this world.

I learned from my interaction with the homeless Wednesday night that little preparation—much less, prayer—preceded Olivet's experimentation in homelessness. The biblical teachings of how to relate to the downtrodden were, unfortunately, forgotten.

Jesus provides the perfect model for Christians wishing to raise the world from the depths of despair. In his three years of ministry, Jesus never pretended to be someone that God did not make him to be; his ministry to the sick, to the tax collectors, to the prostitutes, and to the homeless never included a costume or a stage but rather consisted of authentic dialogue and interaction with each of these people in need.

Dialogue forms the foundation of community and community generates healing for personal and social ills alike. And for all of the time Olivet students spent pretending to be homeless, time might have been better spent on the streets

of Chicago—or closer still, Kankakee.

On the street, the homeless beg for food, yet their real need is companionship. What would it take for us to sit down on the hard pavement that serves as the homeless person's bed and ask him his story? We might be surprised at how willing he is to share—how desperate he is for someone to recognize his existence.

Certainly, this action requires courage on our part; the fear of confronting an individual with whom we have very little in common can be overwhelming. Yet, while we come from a background foreign to the growling of an empty stomach or the ache of a hands exposed to the bitter night air, we do not come from a life free of heartache and brokenness.

At the heart of the homeless person's existence is pain and struggle. At the heart of *our* existence is pain and struggle. And so the real challenge in relating to others as Jesus did comes not from our being able to understand

intimately the struggles faced by others, but rather our willingness to admit our inability to fully comprehend these struggles and to continue in our conversation *despite* this inability.

The Olivet community must reflect upon the recent production of homelessness and ask itself how—if at all—the mistakes of its participants will challenge our thinking and future interaction with the homeless.

As I finish this article, I drink the last sip of a 12 ounce coffee that cost me \$1.90. At the door, I hear a faint knocking. It is the Homeless Man at my threshold. I will go to welcome him in, invite him to my table, ask him his story and tell him mine. I will learn from him and he from me. But most importantly, I will look for Jesus in him and pray that he will see Jesus in me.

And at the end of the night, I just might give him the J. Crew shirt off my back. Sarah Parisi is a sophomore art major. Comments may be addressed to [sparisi@olivet.edu](mailto:sparisi@olivet.edu).



# Homeless Week: Progress or regress?

*Reactions to Homeless Week at ONU ranged from compassion to disdain. While some Olivetians rallied around the cause of the "homeless" students, others were disturbed by the idea of imitating the difficult and misunderstood plight of those living on the streets.*

By Sarah Parisi

Forum writer

I am a member of affluent American society. I consume coffee that costs me \$1.90 for 12 ounces. I shop exclusively at J. Crew. My family owns not two cars, but four. And I spend well over \$20,000 a year in pursuit of a college education. With money in my pocket and American materialism as a backbone of my existence, the plight of the Homeless Man has never crossed my threshold.

Until two weeks ago.

Many students remember the recent week of smelly classmates, begging hands, and prostrate men and women sleeping in campus alleyways (or on coffee shop couches). The escapade, advertised by its participants as "Homeless Week," brought the voice of the Homeless Man within the confines of the "Olivet bubble." And for all its intentions, I spent much of the week distressed and discouraged by the reality of the situation. Rather than

witnessing a God-centered, transformational ministry, I sat as an audience member disgusted by the performance of actors on a public stage.

Playwrights have a purpose behind each fabricated character, yet the participants of Homeless Week lacked any distinct motive. First touted as a student-invented fundraiser for Heather Wagoner's family (a noble cause), and then later publicized—albeit poorly—as a Salvation Army benefit, I soon discovered the show to be merely an experiment meant to conjure feelings of empathy in the hearts of both the actors and the audience.

The oddity of such an "experiment" strikes an abrasive chord within me. I wonder at what point will those who wish to empathize with the less fortunate members of society paint their skin black to experience the pain of racial discrimination? When will men and women experiment with homosexuality so as to better understand the derogation catapulted at this demographic group? When will such

experiments in empathy lead people to contract AIDS (but only for a week, mind you), in hopes of being able to better relate to the physical and emotional pain such a disease brings upon its victims?

Obviously, we cannot experience the hurt and pain experienced by each of these people groups—and for all of their efforts, the participants of Homeless Week could not fully comprehend the depravity generated from a life of homelessness. And so, rather than offering a genuine source of empathy, the week proved only to be a poor use of resources that each participant foolishly denied themselves.

Indeed, by mere enrollment at Olivet, each student has access to an abundance of material, spiritual, and relational resources. Simply because there are those who live on the other side of the globe—or on the other side of the street—that suffer from a lack of one, or all three, of these resources does not provide us with an excuse

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By Wes Hall

Forum writer

I make no bones about it. My life is the definition of comfort and carefree consumption. However, my unbridled consumerism has created a personal dilemma. I feel indicted of a serious crime. Am I mindful of the plight of the poor? What am I doing to alleviate the pain of the oppressed? I find myself in a constant struggle between foolish attempts at

solidarity with the exploited and apathetic acceptance of material affluence.

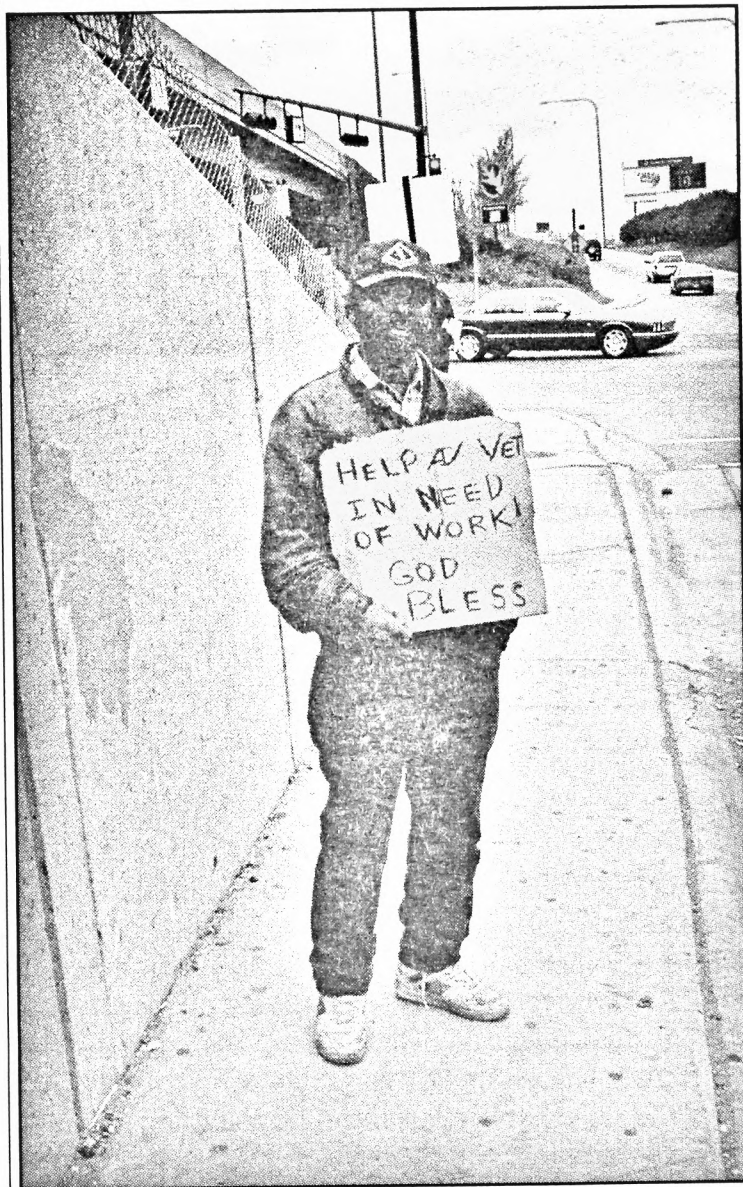
In light of this struggle, 39 friends and I participated in what we called "the week of homelessness." I believe our hope was to identify, albeit incompletely, with the suffering of the poor, and in turn, to reimagine the way we perceive the needs of a poverty-stricken globe. We attempted to find a means to attending "to the real needs of people in the way that Jesus

attended to them" as Leslie Newbigin says in his book "The Gospel in a Pluralist Society.

However, in all of our attempts, we missed some of the more destructive and complex realities that pervade the needs of the impoverished. 40 U.S. college students, regardless of what their report cards might say, will never struggle with the mental instabilities that severe malnutrition causes in a majority of the less-developed countries. We will never witness the massive disparity between the 20 percent of the world that controls 80 percent of the world's resources and the 80 percent of the world that controls the other 20 percent of the world's resources. We will never stand powerless in the face of economic adjustment policies that destroy livelihoods, homes, and communities. To even begin to identify with these people would mean an absolute upheaval of the political, social, economic, and cultural systems we enjoy as affluent United States citizens.

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## FACES OF HOMELESSNESS



This is Johnny (above) and in the picture below is his friend Jake. Johnny and Jake stand on this sidewalk beside the Kennedy Expressway's North Ave. exit every day, taking turns in two hour shifts asking for work and money from passing cars. As Johnny's sign indicates, he and Jake are war veterans. Jake (below) identifies the cardboard box he sits on as his home and sleeps there, even in the winter. He also has a lawn chair that he brings out to sit on the corner while he reads the paper. Each night, the two men travel a little over a mile away from the exit ramp to an outreach organization that provides dinner for the homeless.



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